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LUMSAY, TADONG, EAST SIKKIM**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the State Government has notified the implementation of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana, a welfare scheme to provide annual financial assistance to non-working, unwed, widowed, divorced or separated mothers between 18-59 years of age having the liability of children and also POCSO victims.

Now, therefore the State Government is pleased to notify the following guidelines for regulating grant of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana, namely:-

1. Eligibility Criteria for Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana:

- (1) The beneficiary must be a mother having the liability of children or a single mother (legally separated) or the mother of legally adopted child or a widow with a child.
- (2) The beneficiary must be holding:
 - (i) Sikkim Subject Certificate/ Certificate of Identification/Residential Certificate
 - (ii) Valid voter card of any ward of the Gram Panchayat or Urban Local Bodies
 - (iii) Priority Household (PHH)/ Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)
- (3) The beneficiary must be unemployed and not drawing any type of pension from the State/Central Government or any agencies.
- (4) No one in her family should be in regular State Government/Central Government/ Public Sector undertaking/Bank or any other employment.
- (5) Neither she nor her spouse should be enlisted Government Contractor/Suppliers under the State Government/Central Government or any other agencies.

2. Amount for Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana:

A sum of Rs.20,000/- (twenty thousand) only, shall be paid to the beneficiary annually.

3. Beneficiary Selection:

The beneficiaries shall be selected through Rural Local bodies and Urban Local bodies duly certified by the concerned Social Welfare Inspector, Social Welfare Officer, Block Development Officer/Municipal Commissioner, and Additional District collector (Development) and the District Collector.

4. Competent Authority:

The authority competent to sanction the Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall be the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner-Cum-Secretary/Secretary, Women and Child Development Department.

5. Application Procedure:

(1) Application for grant of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall be made in the form appended to these guidelines which can be obtained from the respective Block Development Offices.

(2) Along with the form, the applicant shall submit:-

- (i) Attested copies of Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification/ Residential Certificate,
- (ii) 3 (three) passport sized photographs,
- (iii) Valid Voter Card,
- (iv) Priority Household (PHH)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY).
- (v) Attested copies of Elector Photo Identity Card,
- (vi) Birth Certificate of Child,
- (vii) Aadhar Card,
- (viii) Gram Sabha/Ward Sabha Resolution,
- (ix) Front page of Bank passbook.

6. Procedure for grant of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana:

On receipt of application in the prescribed form, the concerned Social welfare Inspectors shall scrutinize the documents submitted and after due scrutiny and fulfillment of criteria, the form shall be verified by the concerned Social Welfare Officer, Block Development Officer/Municipal Commissioner, and Additional District Collector (Development) and the District Collector and approval accorded by the Competent Authority.

7. Procedure for payment of Sikkim Sashaktikaran Yojana:

- (1) The competent authority shall make payment of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana.
- (2) The financial assistance of Rs 20,000/- under Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall be disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) or any other means as decided by the sanctioning/competent authority.

8. Verification:

A Program Management Unit consisting of 2-3 members headed by an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Women and Child Development Department shall be constituted. It shall be stationed at the Head Office, Women and Child Development Department and shall oversee the Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana in its entirety.

The Program Management Unit shall function as follows:-

- (1) The Program Management Unit shall ensure that planning, monitoring and evaluation will be continuously undertaken so as to ensure the last mile coverage of the targeted beneficiaries and also to fast track the outcome of the scheme.
- (2) The members of the Program Management Unit shall closely interact with the Block Development Officers and Ward Panchayats at the Gram Panchayat Unit level to monitor the physical and financial progress of the yojana.
- (3) Monthly reports capturing the physical and financial progress of the Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana across blocks would be submitted to the Department through the respective District Collector which shall be monitored by the Program Management Unit.
- (4) The Program Management Unit members shall work in coordination with the concerned officials at the block level and ensure optimum public participation.
- (5) The Program Management Unit Shall manage resource allocation and resource capacity across the programme for effective utilization.
- (6) Documentation of the programme through the reports submitted from the block levels will be overseen by the Program Management Unit.

9. Cessation:

- (1) Financial Assistance to the beneficiary under Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall be ceased from the date of death of the beneficiary.
- (2) In case of permanent migration of the beneficiary outside Sikkim, the Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall cease to be payable from the date of migration.

10. Intimation of death or migration of beneficiary:

In the event of the death or migration of the beneficiary, the family member/concerned Panchayat/Municipal Commissioner shall immediately report and surrender the passbook to the Women and Child Development Department.

11. Penalty:

The authority competent to grant Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana shall have the right to recover payments made on the basis of false, forged or mistaken information, if any, about eligibility, death and migration of beneficiaries.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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